

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/493,819

Group Art Unit: 2814

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Examiner: Douglas A. Wille

For: GROUP III NITRIDE COMPOUND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, and 6 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A group III nitride compound semiconductor device of a successively laminated structure, comprising:
 a substrate;
 a buffer layer formed directly on said substrate;
 an intervening layer formed directly on said buffer layer, said intervening layer comprising $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}$, where $0 < X < 1$; and
 a light-emitting layer formed directly on said intervening layer, said light-emitting layer comprising $\text{In}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}$, where $0 < Y < 1$;
 wherein a first In composition ratio of said intervening layer, X, changes from a first interface with said buffer layer to a second interface with said light-

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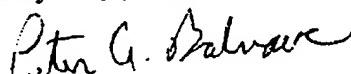
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Dear Examiner Wille:

We are enclosing an After-Final Amendment for the above-referenced case.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Peter A. Balnave, Ph.D.

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Enclosures

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